

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a busy week at HVC this week and this continues into the weekend with our PTFA event, Music & Mayhem, which marks the start of Hope Wakes Week on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Our PTFA have worked really hard putting this event together, along with Mrs Machan, Head of Music, and our site team. Many of our students will be performing in the school hall – please come along and watch them, then join in the mayhem! Thank you to those of you who have contributed in any way, offering help, baking cakes. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible to support this wonderful event and help raise money for our school. Entrance to the field and hall will be via the main car park.

### **What's going on in school?**

- ❖ Key Stage 3 students have worked hard on designing and making a well dressing based around the theme local myths and legends. The winning designs have been combined and produced under a gargantuan effort from lots of staff and students. A very well done to all involved!! And thank you to those who donated petals and flowers, particularly Bradwell co-op. Well done also to our Post-16 students who produced a wonderful scarecrow. Please come and see both at the front of school from Friday morning onwards.



- ❖ An enormous well done to our Y11 students, who finished their exams this week. They have coped so well with exam season and we hope they can now relax a bit and enjoy their summer. The official leaving day for Y11 students is today, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Y11 students are no longer required to attend school after this date.
- ❖ Aubrey (Y8) made HVC proud on Monday by performing at The Globe theatre in London at the annual Poetry by Heart competition. This was an inspiring and uplifting celebration of poetry and our young people. Students from KS2 to KS5 from across the country performed a variety of poems throughout the day and we were also treated to readings from professional poets including Manjit Mann and Simon Armitage. The standard was extremely high, and Aubrey's wonderful performance of *Harlem* by Langston Hughes was dramatic and faultless.



## **Uniform**

Students are more than welcome to wear shorts or skirts in the warmer weather, but these must be appropriate for the school environment and approximately knee length. Denim and tailored shorts are acceptable, jersey sports shorts are not part of the school uniform.

## **Languages groups for Y8 & Y9**

We will be sending a letter to parents and carers of students in current Y7 and Y8 early next week to confirm groups for languages next year.

## **Survey of Parents and Carers**

We are keen to encourage parents and carers to let the school have their feedback by completing an annual questionnaire. The questions are largely based on the Ofsted Parent View questions and give you the chance to add to the collective parent/carer voice at Hope Valley College. This will help us to build on the work that we have already undertaken following last year's survey.

We will read every response and, where we are able to do so, will act on any comments or rating that indicates a level of dissatisfaction. Please help us to improve by giving enough detail to enable us to investigate. Click this link to take part in the survey, which will be available until Friday 24 June: <https://forms.office.com/r/DNFv9RLSEN>

## **Used revision guides**

Do you have any CGP revision guides your young person no longer needs? If so, we would welcome the return/donation of any English Literature or Language copies so we can redistribute them next year.

## **Autism Information and Advice Service**

The Autism Information and Advice Service provide support to parents and carers who may be dealing with children (or family members) who are diagnosed with, or have traits consistent with, autism. They run a number of information events and courses- see below for more information:

**Autism Information & Advice Service**

**Autism Awareness Raising Training for Parents and Carers in Derby City and Derbyshire**

**citizens advice** Mid Mercia

Join our **FREE** monthly online course, peer support and Q&A sessions to learn more about autism, parenting strategies & common challenges, and to meet other families living similar lives. The course will cover:

- What to look out for if you believe your child may be autistic.
- Provide insight into professional language to empower you as a parent or carer.
- Practical behaviour, communication, mental and physical well-being advice, strategies and top tips.
- Preparing for emergencies, information around schooling, employment and embracing the positives of autism.

**Course dates:**

Monday 27th of June 2022  
12:00-14:00

**Monday 25th of July 2022**  
**10:00-12:00**

Monday 22th of August 2022  
12:00-14:00

**Monday 26th of September 2022**  
**10:00-12:00**

Monday 31st of October 2022  
12:00-14:00

**Monday 28th of November 2022**  
**10:00-12:00**

Monday 19th of December 2022  
12:00-14:00

**(only one session required)**

**CONTACT US VIA OUR HELPLINE, EMAIL OR WEBSITE TO ATTEND OR USE EVENTBRITE LINK IN BIO.**

**HELPLINE:** 01332 228790

**EMAIL:** [AUTISMSERVICE@CITIZENSADVICE MIDMERCIA.ORG.UK](mailto:AUTISMSERVICE@CITIZENSADVICE MIDMERCIA.ORG.UK)

**WEBSITE:** [WWW.AUTISMINFORMATION SERVICE.ORG.UK](http://WWW.AUTISMINFORMATION SERVICE.ORG.UK)

## Drowning Prevention week

This week is Drowning Prevention Week. Drowning Prevention Week (DPW) aims to help ensure everybody across the UK and Ireland, has the opportunity to enjoy water, safely.

With the skills and knowledge to make the right decisions about water safety, this summer will be a time to make memories that will last a lifetime, for all the right reasons and we need your help to spread the word and share our messages as far and as wide as possible.

## **ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE**

Whenever you are around water:

### **STOP AND THINK**

Take time to assess your surroundings.

Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

### **STAY TOGETHER**

When around water always go with friends or family.

Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

In an emergency:

### **CALL 999**

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

### **FLOAT**

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help.

Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

Thank you for reading our communication. Here are some helpful email addresses, should you need to contact us:-

- [attendance@hopevalley.chorustrust.org](mailto:attendance@hopevalley.chorustrust.org) to report a child's absence
- [enquiries@hopevalley.chorustrust.org](mailto:enquiries@hopevalley.chorustrust.org) for general enquiries
- [pastoral@hopevalley.chorustrust.org](mailto:pastoral@hopevalley.chorustrust.org) for any issue with a child's wellbeing
- [principal@hopevalley.chorustrust.org](mailto:principal@hopevalley.chorustrust.org) to contact the Principal
- [safeguarding@hopevalley.chorustrust.org](mailto:safeguarding@hopevalley.chorustrust.org) to report safeguarding concerns. If a child or any young person is in imminent danger, then please report this to the police.

Kind regards

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